

It is of Public Interest.

The following letter is made public because the matter is directly to the interest of every one in the community. Our people must start some business in which the value of their time, labor and energy is not fixed by speculators in foreign markets or in New York. The letter explains itself.

RIDGEWAY, S. C., 14th Nov., 1894.

Dear Sir: Resuming the subject of your starting up a dairy business with a creamery plant, I had better write you, as you requested yesterday, any information I could give, and I can't get up to town again very soon. If anything is done, there should be no time lost, because a winter dairy is much the most paying, and it ought to be in operation by January.

Your idea about putting the necessary money into the dairy business and depending upon buying milk outright will not succeed, for two reasons: First, the experience of all dairy countries shows that the co-operative system, which I will explain further on, is the only successful one, because the profit is shared through this system to the private ownership one to the farmers themselves; (so that if you succeeded, the farmers around you would either put in one that they would not win, and thus deprive you of a milk supply, or they would freeze you out by compelling you to sell out to them at a loss, as they would have you at their mercy.)

Most probably, however, the result of your going into the dairy business, individually, would be bad pecuniarily to you, at the outset, because you would have no certain amount of milk guaranteed; you, all the farmers would laugh you to scorn if you proposed to them the prices for milk that are usually paid in the dairy countries North and West, with which, necessarily, you would come in competition. You are aware, but perhaps few farmers in Fairfield are, that the average price for milk received at creameries is from seventy cents to one dollar and ten cents for one hundred pounds, and that there are twelve gallons of milk in 100 lbs. In this country five cents a pint straight down to 27 or 30 cents by the gallon is what people are used to, and they would think you would not get much milk, surely, as your neighbors could see how it would pay them any better to leave cotton at five cents a pound for milk at a cent a pint.

In about 2,000 creameries in Little Denmark, which supply the choice English market with butter, only a few are belonging now to individuals, and even these are all changing over to co-operative ownership. Most Northern ones also are owned by the farmers themselves, so far as I am informed.

A creamery can't well be successful without three hundred cows as a source of milk supply. There is a certain amount—\$1,200 to \$2,500 invested—with stated wages in addition to pay out—to receive interest, and it takes in any other line of manufacturing, or in selling groceries to be a paying business.

The only way for you to make a certain success of your plan would be to get the gentlemen around you, like Flemming, Davis, Gaillard, Doty, Wright, Wiley and others, to investigate the matter, to see if there is any likelihood of its paying them to go into it, and then organize a company with \$5,000 payment into the stock for each cow kept. The company with 300 cows raised ample to equip the business provided a suitable house could be rented cheaply at first. Of course, the company would buy milk also, if offered, but the success of the enterprise depends upon a guarantee of three hundred cows to run the factory.

You would have to engage a competent butter-maker—his expenses would be not less than fifty dollars a month and board, probably, as you would be on his terms, and he would be on to be bargained for to take as assistants three young men, who will readily offer, no doubt, at very low wages, to learn the business, so as another season to run the creamery with home talent. But, also, if you wish, and kicked loud enough for it, you could get the Clemson trustees to send you a man for three months at the expense of the State to start the business, and try it that way cheaper. That sort of thing is what Clemson was built for, and it is done in other States. I don't mean a boy from there learning himself, but a real professor in the art.

A bull of the finest possible Jersey strain that can be obtained in the United States should be gotten for the exclusive benefit, at cost of maintenance, of the stockholders' herds, to grade up their cows as soon as maybe to giving at least 300 lbs. butter per year and raising a calf, each, besides.

The company also would buy at car load lots feeds, like bran, and sell at cost to members. What skim milk was not taken back by the farmers could be made into cheese, which at ten cents a pound, is equal to butter at twenty-five cents. But, this being a by-product, the cream previous to the butter could be simply a clear gain almost. To the farmer, the profits could best be estimated each for himself, as some farmers will work their cows at less expense than others. If a cow gives 300 lbs. a year, the factory will not thirty cents at least be managed at all. The usual estimate for making butter is four cents per pound. This brings the farmer, then, (300 lbs. at 25c.) \$75.00 per cow per annum. The cow will also raise a calf worth ten dollars and one year old, say, ten hundred pounds profit from the skim milk which will offset the cost of labor. The saving of the measure will result in bringing in an acre in one year from one-third of a bale to one bale of cotton (this from actual experience). The feeding of the cow ought not to be less than ten cents a day, summer and winter, or for 300 days, when milking, thirty dollars. In round numbers, any farmer going into this creamery, with such cows, and giving them proper attention, can realize at least five hundred dollars for ten cows (and that number is plenty to start with, for a fellow doesn't know how little he does "now till he gets interested in the study of cows and butter-making") besides what, if his land was watered ten dollars to him when he started, he would not take twenty-five in three months, provided he had to move beyond the reach of the creamery to make a living. Instead of being monotonous grinding business, ploughing, dairying demands constant study, unceasing effort, the stimulus of frequent farmers' institutes and lectures—in a word, it is four-fifths brain work, and life is worth living in dairying.

Fairfield county is as good as anywhere, taking pros and cons into consideration; a good market is at our doors; now is the time, when bankruptcy is staring us hard in the face, as a class, and I hope you will appeal to the wide-awake friends you have to go into this creamery with you, and place the way for the people with less money to start it up to follow with their assent.

Ten cows, as I said, are ample to engage anybody fully for a start, and the income from three or four would exceed what most two-horse farmers make anyway planting sixty acres of cotton.

I could say more, but no doubt I have made you tired already; yet I will do anything I can to help you. I only saw the means available around Ridgeway to get one up, I would be truly thankful on my own account.

Yours sincerely,
R. A. MEARES.

NOTES FROM BUCKHEAD.

BUCKHEAD, S. C., November 8.—I was down at Monticello on the so-called general election on the 6th inst. and was treated badly by the managers and people in the election room. They first called for my registration certificate issued in 1882, number 296. I have voted on it ever since, but as I told them they had altered their book the number did not correspond because my number was on the original book of 1882. They said I could not vote and I started out but they called me back and said that they could explain on my tickets that the numbers did not correspond. They said the votes would be thrown out, but that the transaction could go before the returning board. I voted the marked tickets for all the Hanahan county ticket and for Dr. S. Pope for Governor. I told them they were trying to disfranchise, but the matter seemed to be all a previous programme. Such an indignity to be inflicted on their fellow-citizens to gratify the will and pleasure of tyrants; the vilest and meanest of the white human race. I have heard of their practicing such frauds on all the Straghtons in this upper portion of the county.

"Expose the frauds; fight the fight of honesty, and stamp infamy upon the boxes."—The State. Fraud should not triumph, and I would say let energetic County Chairman and Dr. Pope get after the perpetrators of the frauds all over the State and set things right.

It is reported that the Tillmanites had guns in a room at Monticello on the 6th inst. Jesus the Saviour was at one time totally in the minority, but he did not stay in it. Therefore let us take upon the evil doers, if possible. If anybody has any doubt as to who made the first bolt that split the Democratic party, let them read Gen. Bratton's letter to Mr. John W. Lyles of October 24, 1890. I quote a little of it: "We are now enacting 'the political suicide of a split.' Your bolt was the opening scene in this tragedy. You and those associated with you achieved the distinction of making here in Fairfield the first breach in the purely Democratic ranks of this State. Your revolt against the lawful and recognized Democracy of our country and organization of another party were instigated by purely partisan purposes and a deliberate preconcerted plot to destroy it. If found necessary to their accomplishment, they made a household blessing. I have not time to quote more, but hope those interested will refer the letter. Yours truly,
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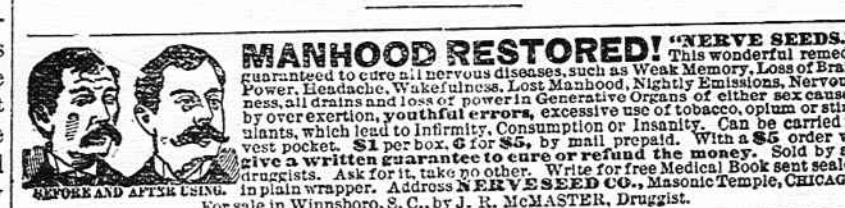
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